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SENATE RESOLUTION 66

By Crowe

A RESOLUTION To commend Rodney Bacigalupo for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, Each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Rodney Bacigalupo is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Senator Rusty Crowe; Rodney's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislator he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Rodney is a non-traditional intern who has multiple degrees and several years of working experience; he graduated with Academic Honors at Ridgecrest High School in Paragould, Arkansas in May of 1988; he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics from Arkansas State University in May of 1992 and was subsequently commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bacigalupo completed his officer training at Fort Eustis, Virginia in February 1993; he worked as a Mathematics teaching assistant at Arkansas State University from August of 1993 to June of 1995; and

WHEREAS, During 1994, Rodney was the originator and executor of a successful NASA space research grant for aeronautical dynamics; in the meantime, he completed the requirements for a Master of Science degree in Mathematics at Arkansas State University; and

WHEREAS, From August of 1995 through May of 1998, Mr. Bacigalupo pursued a J.D. degree at Drake Law School; during this time he played on the Drake Rugby Club, was a Mathematics and Physics instructor at Iowa State University, served as a Legal Intern for the Iowa Attorney General Environmental Law Division, and as a Law clerk Intern for Federal Magistrate, Judge Celeste Bremer; and

WHEREAS, After receiving his J.D. degree in May of 1998, Rodney worked as a Vocational Technology teacher at Glenclyff High School from August of 1998 through May of 1999, and as a Mathematics Instructor at Vanderbilt University from August through December of 1999, before passing the Tennessee Bar Examination in April of 2000; and

WHEREAS, From August through December of 2000, Mr. Bacigalupo served as a substitute teacher in Williamson County before being approached to serve as a Senate Intern in the Tennessee General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Rodney Bacigalupo brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2001 session of the One Hundred Second General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the 2001 legislative session, Rodney has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bacigalupo has a lengthy history of community service; he has spent five years as a church youth leader - two years at Grace Church in Des Moines, Iowa and three years at the People's Church at Franklin, Tennessee; has been a Scoutmaster at a Boy Scout Troop in Connecticut; has been a full-time volunteer at CityTeam, a homeless mission in Chester, Pennsylvania; and has spent two months as a missionary in Vinnytsia, Ukraine; and

WHEREAS, Rodney has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; his outstanding efforts and winning personality are greatly appreciated by Senator Crowe and his staff; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby commend Rodney Bacigalupo for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Rusty Crowe and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.